

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims, including those in the First Preliminary Amendment, in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A packaging device of a hollow cathode sputtering target, comprising: a hollow cathode sputtering target; a cover of a size capable of covering a void of said target, one or more through-holes provided to said cover, a resin bag of a size capable of covering said through-holes, and a device for performing vacuum suction to the inside of said bag.

Claim 2 (original): The packaging device of a hollow cathode sputtering target according to claim 1, wherein said cover is transparent resin.

Claims 3-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original): A packaging method of a hollow cathode sputtering target, comprising the steps of installing a cover of a size capable of covering a void of said target; providing one or more through-holes to said cover; placing a resin bag over said through-holes, and performing vacuum suction to the inside of said bag.

Claim 6 (original): The packaging method of a hollow cathode sputtering target according to claim 5, wherein said cover is transparent resin.

Claims 7-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (new): A method according to claim 6, wherein said resin bag is impermeable to oxygen and moisture.

Claim 10 (new): A method according to claim 9, wherein said cover is rigid and formed from a flat plate capable of maintaining its shape after said step of performing vacuum suction.

Claim 11 (new): A method according to claim 5, wherein said resin bag is impermeable to oxygen and moisture.

Claim 12 (new): A method according to claim 5, wherein said cover is rigid and formed from a flat plate capable of maintaining its shape after said step of performing vacuum suction.

Claim 13 (new): A device according to claim 2, wherein said resin bag is impermeable to oxygen and moisture.

Claim 14 (new): A device according to claim 13, wherein said cover is rigid and formed from a flat plate capable of maintaining its shape after vacuum suction is performed to the inside of said bag.

Claim 15 (new): A device according to claim 1, wherein said resin bag is impermeable to oxygen and moisture.

Claim 16 (new): A device according to claim 1, wherein said cover is rigid and formed from a flat plate capable of maintaining its shape after vacuum suction is performed to the inside of said bag.